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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendments Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 23, 2008, for which a shortened statutory period of three months for response ending March 23, 2009 was set in which to respond, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

The Applicants submit that this response is timely.

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